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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. ACTING ECMIN MADE STRONG PRESENTATION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE JUNE 24 TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA)
MINISTER MIGLIUOLO, LEAVING AIDE MEMOIRE BASED POINTS
REFTEL (B) PARAS 6 AND 7, PARA 7 BECAUSE OF PREVIOUSLYEXPRESSED GOI SUPPORT FOR TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION ILLICIT PAYMENTS LINK) AND COPY U.S. - PROPOSED DECLARATION.
MIGLIUOLO NOTED THAT PROPOSED DECLARATION HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AT MEETING PREPARING FOR OECD MINISTERIAL AND
PROMISED TO STUDY POINTS SET OUT IN AIDE MEMOIRE AND U.S. PROPOSED DECLARATION.

2. MIGLIUOLO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MOVEMENT TOWARDS MEETING ITALIAN (AND OTHER COUNTRY CONCERNS) MANIFESTED AT PREPARATORY MEETING WOULD CONTINUE AT JUNE 27 WORKING GROUP MEETING IN GENEVA. AT PRESENT, MIGLUOLO CONCONFIDENTIAL

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SIDERS THAT POSITIONS ARE STILL FAR APART; THAT IS, U.S. - DRAFT GIVES INSUFFICIENT RECOGNITION TO NEEDS OF MORE FORMALISTIC LEGAL SYSTEMS (E.G. ITALIAN). RE POSSIBILITY OF 1978 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, MIGLIUOLO SAID THIS WOULD DEPEND ON LDC ATTITUDES. IN HIS VPINION, LDCS HAVE SHOWN LITTLE OF THE CONCRETE INTEREST WHICH WOULD MAKE A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE POSSIBLE

IN 1978. GOI SUPPORTS CONTINUATION OF WORKING GROUP WITH EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP.

3. MIGLIUOLO NOTED GOI DISAPPOINTMENT WITH U.S. DEL RESPONSE RE USE OF PROPOSED TREATY FOR FACILITATING JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE. HE CITED LOCKHEED CASE, WHERE ACCESS TO U.S. - DEVELOPED INFORMATION WAS PERMITTED ONLY UNDER PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH U. S. DEPT OF JUSTICE AND SUBJECT TO STRINGENT CONDITIONS. U.S. DEL, ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO, STATED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION WOULD STILL REQUIRE A PRIOR SPECIAL AGREEMENT.

4. GOI DELEGATE WILL BE ROSSI OF GOI ECOSOC DELEGATION.GARDNER

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